# Utah State Charter School Board Meeting Minutes

# **September 18, 2008**

North & South Board Rooms Utah State Office of Education

### **APPROVED**

(with changes)

Members present: Julie Adamic, Brian Allen, Tim Beagley, Tom Morgan, Scott Smith

Members excused: John Pingree, Yolanda Francisco-Nez

Staff present: Marlies Burns, Paul Crawford, Mark Long, Jeannie Rowland, Jo Schmitt

Others present: Superintendent Harrington, Mark Cluff, Janene Bowen, Lincoln Fillmore, Joel Wright, Sandy Shepard, Dan Ripp, Jamie Renda, Lynda Seneff, representatives from American Leadership Academy, George Washington Academy, North Star Academy, CS Lewis Academy, Spectrum Academy, Summit Academy, Monticello Academy, Beehive Science & Technology Academy, Lyceum Academy, American Preparatory Academy, DaVinci Academy, Paradigm High School, NUAMES, and Emerson Alcott Academy, via phone conference.

#### Call to Order

Chair Brian Allen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **Public Comment**

Jamie Renda, a parent of a NUAMES student, expressed her concerns regarding NUAMES and the school not following or adhering to its Articles of Incorporation or establishing school bylaws. In addition, Ms. Renda expressed her concerns regarding the school's board term limits.

Lynda Seneff, a parent and Board Member of NUAMES, expressed her concerns regarding NUAMES Board Meetings and the approval of the changed charter without being discussed and reviewed by all the school's board members.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Member Tom Morgan and seconded by Vice Chair Scott Smith to approve the minutes from the August State Charter School Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

# Charter School Board Chair's Report

Chair Brian Allen informed the SCSB that he, Marlies Burns and other members of the Charter School community as well as various school districts met with Representative Bigelow and discussed the current property tax funding mechanism that is in place.

#### Presentation of Charter School Teacher of the Year

Director Marlies Burns informed the SCSB that charter schools are invited every year to name one teacher as Charter School Teacher of the Year who then is recognized by the state as the representative of charter schools. Andrea Johnson, from Wasatch Peak Academy, was introduced as the Teacher of the Year chosen to represent charter schools for the 2008-2009 school year. Sandy Shepard, principal of Wasatch Peak Academy, informed the SCSB that Ms. Johnson was out on maternity leave, but would pass the board's congratulations on to her.

## **Board Standing Committee Reports**

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- Rule Review Committee-Director Marlies Burns informed the SCSB that the committee set an agenda for future meetings of items that would be discussed. Specifically, accountability beyond quality instruction; additional accountability in compliance with the Charter School Agreement and Assurances; the number of parents sitting on the school's boards; lottery; teacher certification; etc.
- Annual Report Committee-Jeannie Rowland informed the SCSB that all schools have turned in their report, and those areas that have not been completed, the committee intends to finish. Ms. Rowland stated the committee is on schedule with the deadline, and the due date for printing is November 30, which will allow the legislators possession of the report one month before the legislative session.

# Information Items:

Chair Brian Allen informed the SCSB that no decisions would be made in this meeting, but recommendations to the USBE would be made in the SCSB October meeting.

The following schools presented their requests for amendments to their charter, along with and new school and satellite school requests:

- American Leadership Academy-to increase enrollment by 300 for 1,825 students total for 2010-2011 school year.
- George Washington Academy-to increase enrollment by 75 for 575 students total for 2010-2011 school year.
- North Star Academy-to increase enrollment by 36 for 536 students total for 2010-2011 school year.
- CS Lewis Academy-to add grade 9, increase enrollment by 50 for 500 students for 2010-2011 school year, add grade 10, increase enrollment by 50 for 550 students for 2011-2012 school year, add grade 11, increase enrollment by 50 for 600 students for 2012-2013 school year, add grade 12, increase enrollment by 50 for 650 students for 2013-2014 school year.
- Spectrum Academy-to add grades 9-12, increase enrollment by 128 for 338 students for 2010-2011 school year.
- Summit Academy-to add grades 10-12, increase enrollment by 900 for 1,900 students for 2010-2011 school year.
- Monticello Academy-to add grades 10-12, increase enrollment by 525 for 1,275 students for 2010-2011 school year. (The Utah State Board of Education took action in their October 3, 2008 Board Meeting, regarding this request. Please refer to the minutes of that meeting.
- Beehive Science & Technology Academy-West Valley Satellite- to add a satellite school beginning 2010-2011 school year, located in West Valley City, grades K-6 for 525 students; add grade 7, increase enrollment by 75 for 600 students for 2011-2012 school year; add grade 8, increase enrollment by 75 for 675 students for 2012-2013 school year; add grade 9, increase enrollment by 75 for 750 students for 2013-2014 school year; add grade 10, increase enrollment by 75 for 825 students for 2014-2015 school year; add grade 11, increase enrollment by 75 for 900 students for 2015-2016 school year; add grade 12, increase enrollment by 75 for 975 students for 2016-2017 school year.
- Lyceum Academy-located in Alpine or Jordan School District Grades 9-12, total enrollment 400 students.
- American Preparatory Academy–Accelerated School Satellite-to add a satellite school beginning 2010-2011 school year, located in Sandy, grades K-9 for 570 students.

Review changes to new Charter School Applications

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Director Marlies Burns requested the SCSB to inform her of any follow-up questions needing addressed before making their recommendations to the USBE.

### Action Items:

- <u>DaVinci Academy-Amendment-Add</u> grades 7-8, no student increase, for 500 students in 2009-2010 school year and changes to the school's curriculum.
   Motion was made by Member Tim Beagley and seconded by Vice Chair Scott Smith to approve for recommendation DaVinci Academy's amendment request. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Paradigm High School-Add grades 7-8, no student increase, for 550 students in 2009-2010 school year Motion was made by Vice Chair Scott Smith and seconded by Member Tom Morgan to defer action on recommendation for approval until the school's financial status, curriculum course outline and CRT test score data can be addressed and satisfied. The motion was carried unanimously.
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  Motion was made by Vice Chair Scott Smith and seconded by Member Tom Morgan to defer any action on Northern Utah Academy of Math Engineering and Science's re-chartering request until the school's board issues are addressed. The motion was carried unanimously.

Northern Utah Academy for Math Engineering and Science (NUAMES)-Re-charter from district

• Emerson Alcott Academy-Charter status
After much discussion, motion was made by Member Julie Adamic and seconded by Member Tom
Morgan to revoke Emerson Alcott Academy's charter. The motion was carried unanimously.

# Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Scott Smith.

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